

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled) A process for making and applying a coating composition using a plural component apparatus comprising:
choosing at least two non-like components for the coating composition from components in the plural component apparatus;
the plural component apparatus having:
 - A. at least one binder component,
 - B. at least one hardener component, and
 - C. at least one component being a binder or a hardener, such component having a different reactivity from its like component A or B;selecting a mixing ratio for the at least two non-like components of the coating composition; and
mixing the components of the coating composition and applying the coating composition with the plural component apparatus;
whereby a plurality of coating compositions with varying properties can be made and applied from the components in the plural component apparatus.
2. (currently amended): The process of claim 49 further comprising drying the coating composition between 60 degrees F and 160 degrees F.
3. (currently amended): The process of claim 49 wherein ~~component A is a binder and~~ component B is a hardener with slow reactivity and component C is a hardener with fast reactivity.
4. (original): The process of claim 3 wherein component A is a hydroxyl functional binder and components B and C are isocyanate functional hardeners.

5. (currently amended): The process of claim 4 wherein the mixing ratio is selected such that the volume percentage of component A ~~the shared component~~ is ~~in~~ between about 5% and 95%.
6. (currently amended): The process of claim 5 wherein the mixing ratio is selected such that the volume percentage of the ~~shared component~~ A is ~~in~~ between about 10% and 90%.
7. (currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein said substrate is a vehicle surface panel with said coating composition comprising a primer to be applied as an external coating to said panel, with there being a first component (A) comprising a binder (~~the shared component~~), and there being at least one of a second component (B) and third component (C), component B comprising a sanding hardener and component C comprising a wet-in-wet hardener, wherein the volumetric ratio of component A to component B+ component C ranging from 100:80 to 100:60.
8. (currently amended): The process of claim 4 ~~9~~ further comprising a hardener component D ~~such that~~ wherein component C is a binder having a different reactivity from its like binder component A ~~or B~~ and component D is a hardener having a different reactivity from its like hardener component A ~~or B~~.
9. A process for formulating and applying various coating compositions comprising
formulating a coating composition employing a plural component apparatus, said apparatus having fixed components wherein the components comprise:
 - A. at least one binder component A;
 - B. at least one hardener component B; and
 - C. at least one component C selected from:
 - i. a binder having a different reactivity than component A; or
 - ii. a hardener having a different reactivity than component B
wherein the step of formulating comprises setting the apparatus according to a selected predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C;

spraying a substrate with the coating composition; and

components A, B and C remaining fixed in the apparatus, whereby the apparatus is ready to be set for a subsequent mixing ratio of the fixed components, this permitting various coating compositions to be formulated and applied to different substrates without changing the components.

10.(new) A method of formulating coating compositions within a plural component apparatus and applying said coating compositions comprising the steps of:

i) filling said plural component apparatus with individual fixed components, said components being

A) at least one binder component A;

B) at least one hardener component B; and

C) at least one component C selected from:

a binder having a different reactivity than component A; or
a hardener having different reactivity than component B

ii) setting said plural component apparatus to a predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C to form the first of said coating compositions;

iii) spraying a substrate with said fixed components in said first predetermined mixing ratio; and

iv) setting said plural component apparatus to a different predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C in order to form another of said coating compositions with said fixed components A, B, and C remaining fixed in the apparatus;

such that by repeating steps ii), iii) and iv) various coating compositions may be formulated and applied to different substrates with said components A, B, and C remaining fixed in the apparatus.